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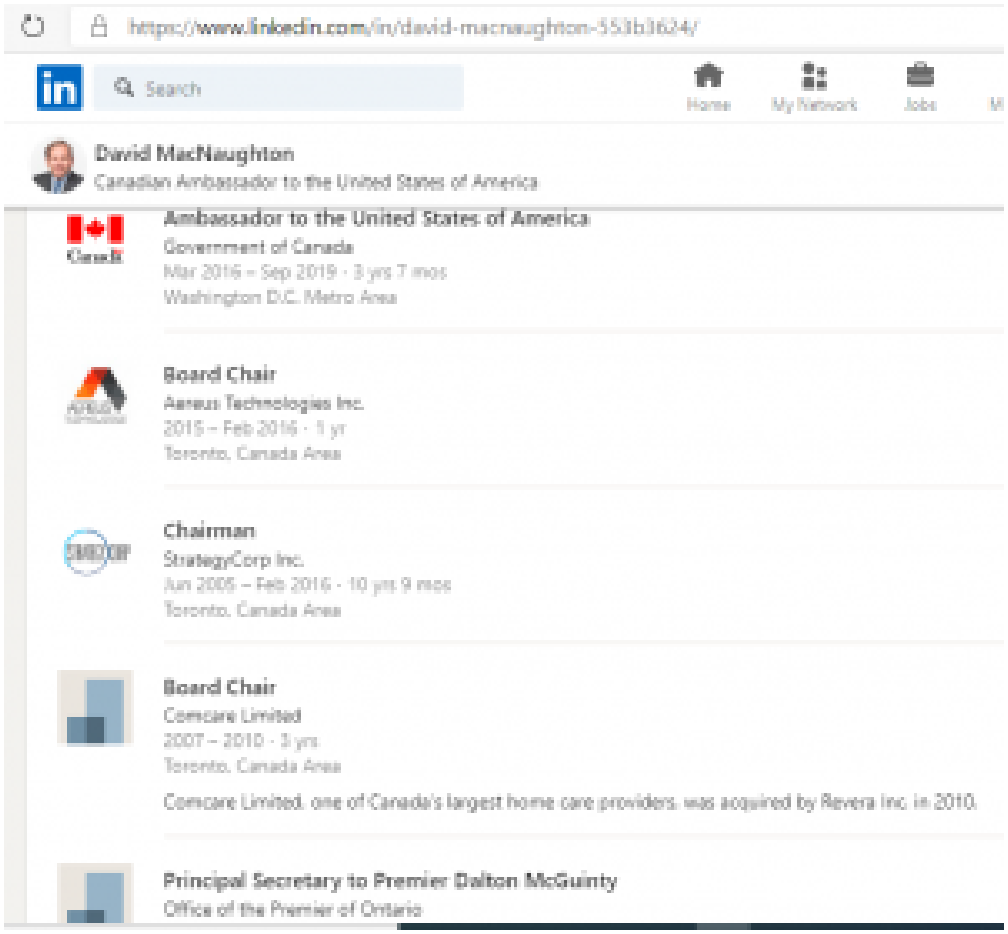
Palantir is a crystal ball from the (fictional) Lord of the Rings, which allows people to see events elsewhere, past or present. Perhaps a coincidence, or maybe an open admission about the company Palantir.

Rubicon is also a strange — or maybe fitting — name. Crossing the Rubicon refers to taking steps which can't be undone. This is similar to the point of no return.

More By Civilian Intelligence Network

For an interesting piece and a lot of background information of Palantir and Rubicon, check out this article by Anji at Civilian Intelligence Network. Well worth a read.

MacNaughton's LinkedIn Profile Details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Board Chair
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2015 – Feb 2016 · 1 yr
Toronto, Canada Area
Chairman
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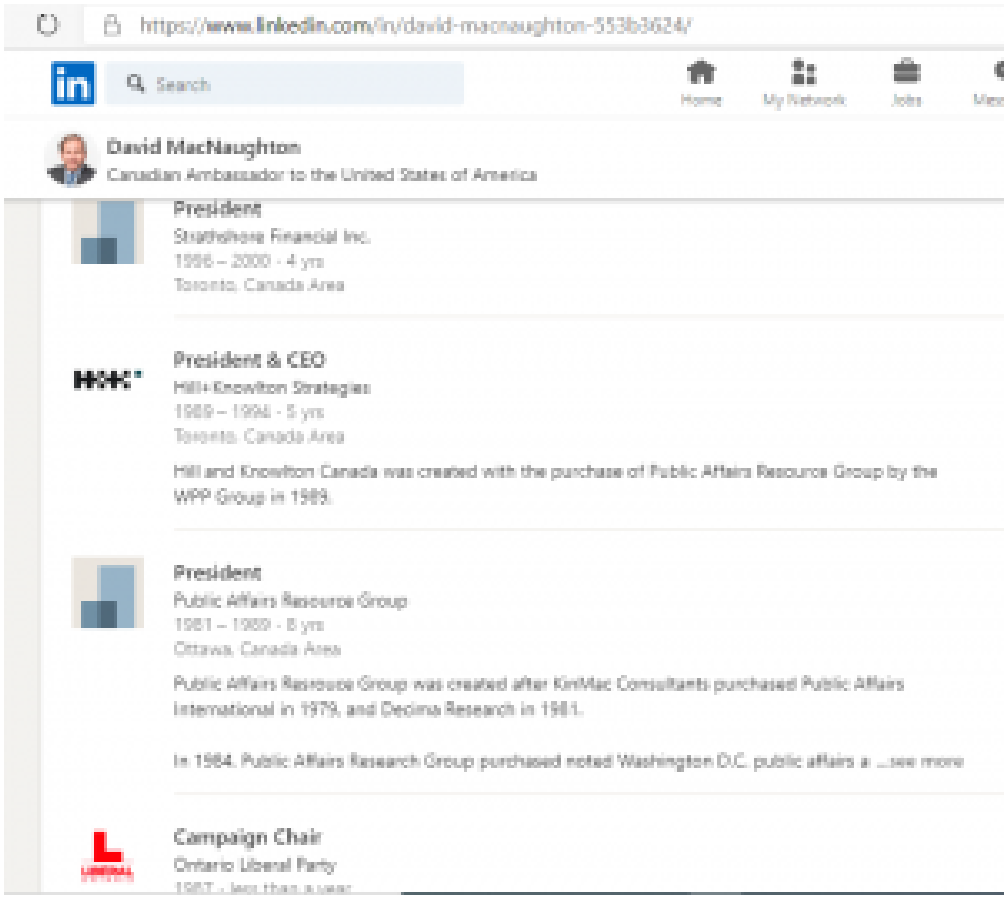
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Toronto, Canada Area
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President
Public Affairs Resource Group
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Ottawa, Canada Area
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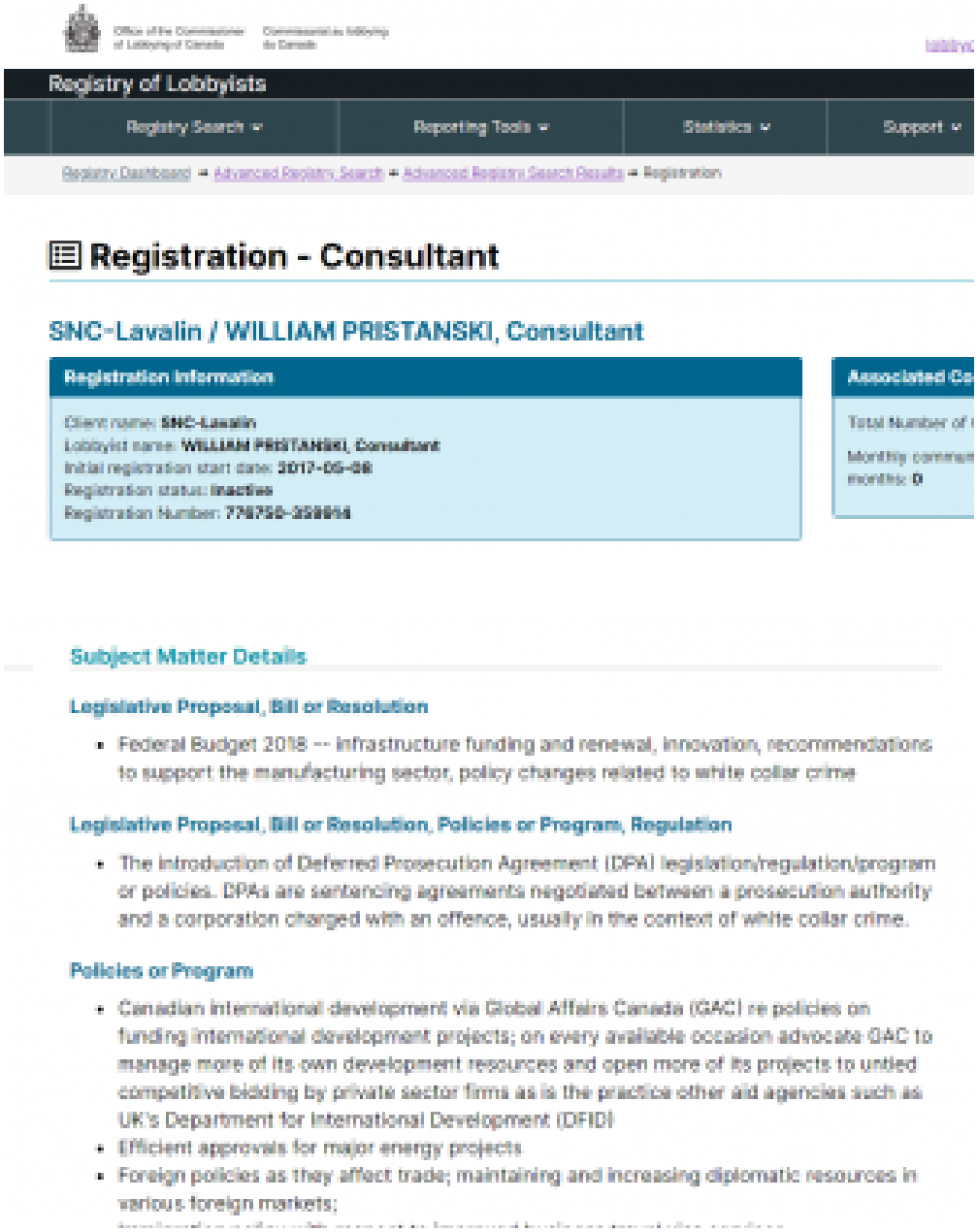
Campaign Chair
Ontario Liberal Party

MacNaughton has been involved in politics (at least from behind the scenes), for many years. He was a Secretary for (then) Ontario Dalton McGuinty. He had also been a campaign chair for the Ontario Liberals years earlier. From March 2016 until September 2019, he was Ambassador to the United States. He also held several corporate jobs.

Who Lobbied MacNaughton As Ambassador



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Registration - Consultant

SNC-Lavalin / WILLIAM PRISTANSKI, Consultant

Registration Information

Client name: **SNC-Lavalin**
Lobbyist name: **WILLIAM PRISTANSKI, Consultant**
Initial registration start date: **2017-05-08**
Registration status: **Inactive**
Registration Number: **776758-358856**

Associated Co

Total Number of
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Subject Matter Details

Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution

- Federal Budget 2018 -- infrastructure funding and renewal, innovation, recommendations to support the manufacturing sector, policy changes related to white collar crime

Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution, Policies or Program, Regulation

- The introduction of Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) legislation/regulation/program or policies. DPAs are sentencing agreements negotiated between a prosecution authority and a corporation charged with an offence, usually in the context of white collar crime.

Policies or Program

- Canadian international development via Global Affairs Canada (GAC) re policies on funding international development projects; on every available occasion advocate GAC to manage more of its own development resources and open more of its projects to untied competitive bidding by private sector firms as is the practice other aid agencies such as UK's Department for International Development (DFID)
- Efficient approvals for major energy projects
- Foreign policies as they affect trade; maintaining and increasing diplomatic resources in various foreign markets;

David MacNaughton was one of many public officials to be lobbied by SNC Lavalin in their quest to obtain a deferred prosecution agreement for the company.

Monthly Communication Report

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Corporation:	**Bombardier Inc.**
Associated registration:	778730-221623-38
Communication date:	2018-05-17
Posted date:	2018-06-15
Designated Public Office Holders who participated in the communication:	**David MacNaughton**, Ambassador to the United States Global Affairs Canada (GAC)

Bombardier frequently lobbies the Federal Government, and often is handed millions of taxpayer dollars in the form of bailouts. MacNaughton has also been on the receiving end of some of this lobbying.

Monthly Communication Report

Return to Registration for Bombardier Inc.

357553-429770

Registrant name:	MARYSCOTT GREENWOOD
Client:	**Canadian American Business Council/Conseil Des Affairs Canado-Americaines**
Associated registration:	778841-357553-5
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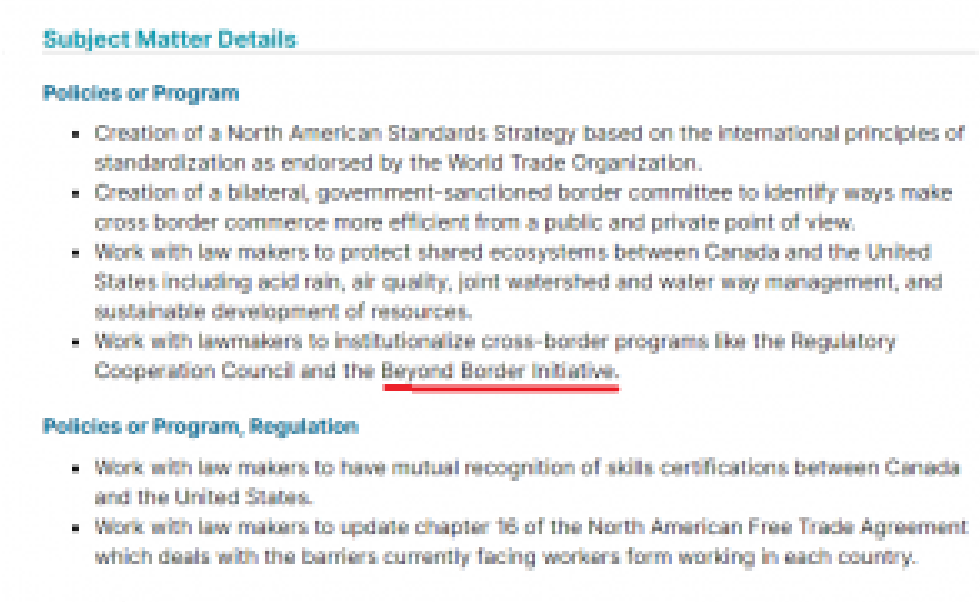

Subject Matter Details

Policies or Program

- Creation of a North American Standards Strategy based on the international principles of standardization as endorsed by the World Trade Organization.
- Creation of a bilateral, government-sanctioned border committee to identify ways make cross border commerce more efficient from a public and private point of view.
- Work with law makers to protect shared ecosystems between Canada and the United States including acid rain, air quality, joint watershed and water way management, and sustainable development of resources.
- Work with lawmakers to institutionalize cross-border programs like the Regulatory Cooperation Council and the Beyond Border Initiative.

Policies or Program, Regulation

- Work with law makers to have mutual recognition of skills certifications between Canada and the United States.
- Work with law makers to update chapter 16 of the North American Free Trade Agreement which deals with the barriers currently facing workers form working in each country.

The Canadian American Business Council lobbies on many different issues, much of it to do with trade. One interesting topic is the "beyond border initiative", which pictures closer harmonization with the U.S. These groups are just a few of those who lobbied MacNaughton when he was the U.S. Ambassador.

Canada/U.S. Beyond The Border Initiative

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Beyond the Border

Action Plan

Beyond the Border Action Plan

On February 4, 2011, President Obama and Prime Minister Harper announced the United States-Canada joint declaration, *Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness. Beyond the Border* articulates a shared approach to security in which both countries work together to address threats within, at, and away from our borders, while expediting lawful trade and travel.

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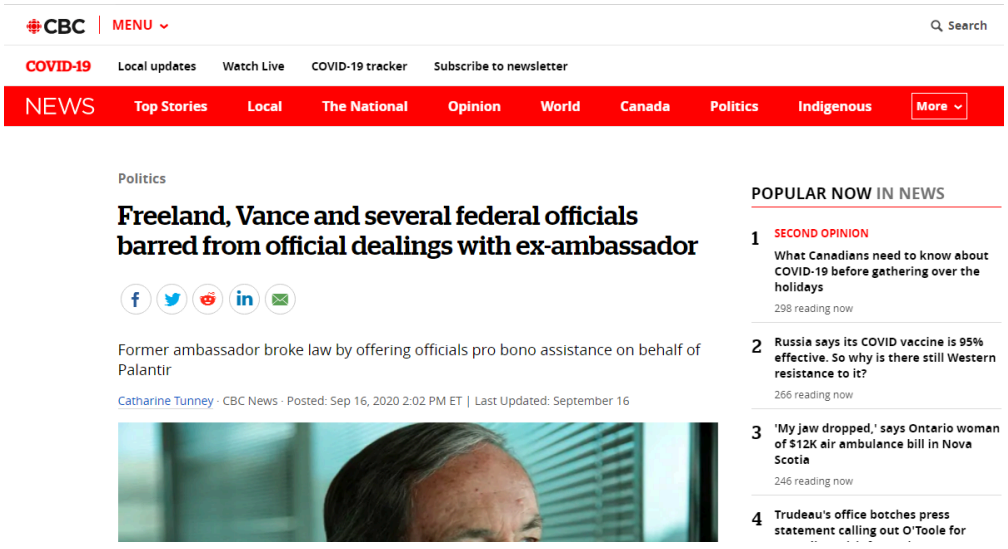
Under the guise of “increased cooperation”, Canadian and American officials have for a decade talked about ways to manage the continent in a more coordinated manner. Of course, having a more “managed” border will make it easier to say, get millions of vaccines out very quickly.

MacNaughton Found Guilty On Ethics Breach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Order under Section 41

Issued under the Conflict of Interest Act

Statutory requirement(s):

41 (1) If the Commissioner determines that a former reporting public office holder is not complying with his or her obligations under [Part 3], the Commissioner may order any current public office holder not to have official dealings with that former reporting public office holder.

(2) All current public office holders shall comply with an order of the Commissioner made under subsection (1).

Paragraph 5.1(1)(a) of the Conflict of Interest Act states that the Commissioner shall maintain a registry for examination by the public, which includes public declarations and any other documents that the Commissioner considers appropriate.

ORDER

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AND WHEREAS Mr. MacNaughton had direct and significant official dealings with numerous public office holders during his last year in public office;

AND WHEREAS following Mr. MacNaughton's last day in public office on August 22, 2019, he became a former reporting public office holder and subject to the Act's post-employment rules;

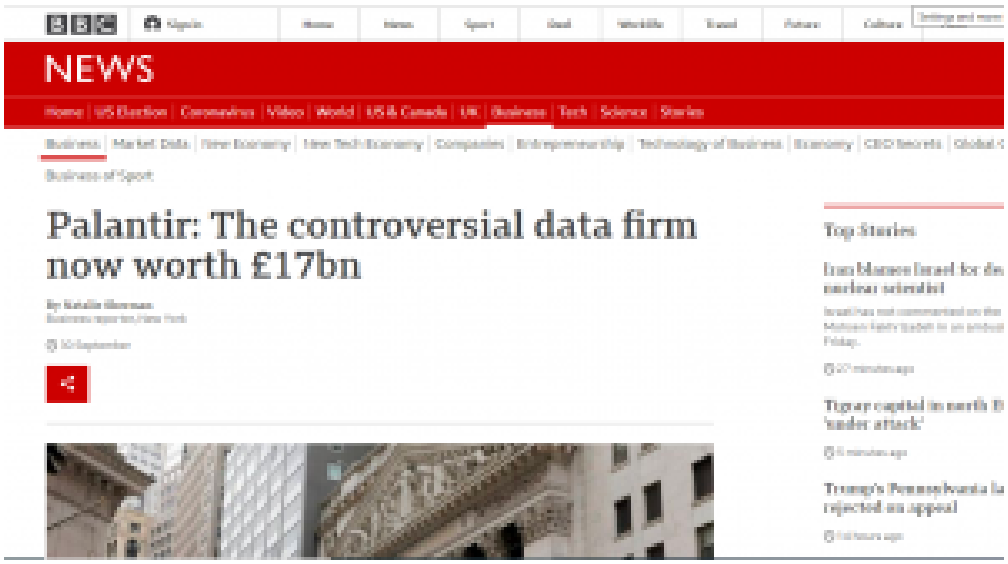
AND WHEREAS Mr. MacNaughton, following consultations with the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner, was ***named President of Palantir Technologies Canada [Palantir] effective September 4, 2019;***

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 37 of the Act, a former reporting public office holder who, in the year following their last day in office, has any communication referred to in paragraph 5(1)(a) of the Lobbying Act or arranges a meeting referred to in paragraph 5(1)(b) of that Act shall report that communication or meeting to the Commissioner;

> AND WHEREAS Mr. MacNaughton reported, in accordance with section 37 of the Act, that between March 2 and May 1, 2020, he had ***communicated with or arranged multiple meetings with several public office holders for the purpose of offering pro bono assistance on behalf of Palantir in respect of the Government of Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic***, as described in Annex A attached hereto; AND WHEREAS section 33 of the Act prohibits former public office holders from acting in such a manner as to take improper advantage of their previous public office;

David MacNaughton was named President of Palantir Technologies almost immediately after leaving his post as Ambassador to the U.S. That didn't stop him from using his old position to push for favourable treatment for his new company. This of course, is completely illegal.

Palantir Stock Skyrockets After IPO



> US tech firm Palantir, known for supplying controversial data-sifting software to government agencies, has fetched a market value of nearly $22bn (£17bn) in its debut on the New York Stock Exchange.

> It's a lofty figure for a firm that has ***never turned a profit, been hit by privacy concerns and relies on public agencies for nearly half of its business.***

> But the company, which takes its name from the ***"seeing stones" known for their power and potential to corrupt in Lord of the Rings***, says the need for the kind of software it

sells “has never been greater”.

The firm, which launched in 2003 with backing from right-wing libertarian tech investor ***Peter Thiel and America’s Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)***, builds programs that integrate massive data sets and spit out connections and patterns in user-friendly formats.

Some valid concerns. Palantir’s price is now soaring, despite very serious privacy concerns, and the fact it’s never actually been profitable.

Palantir Gotham Program

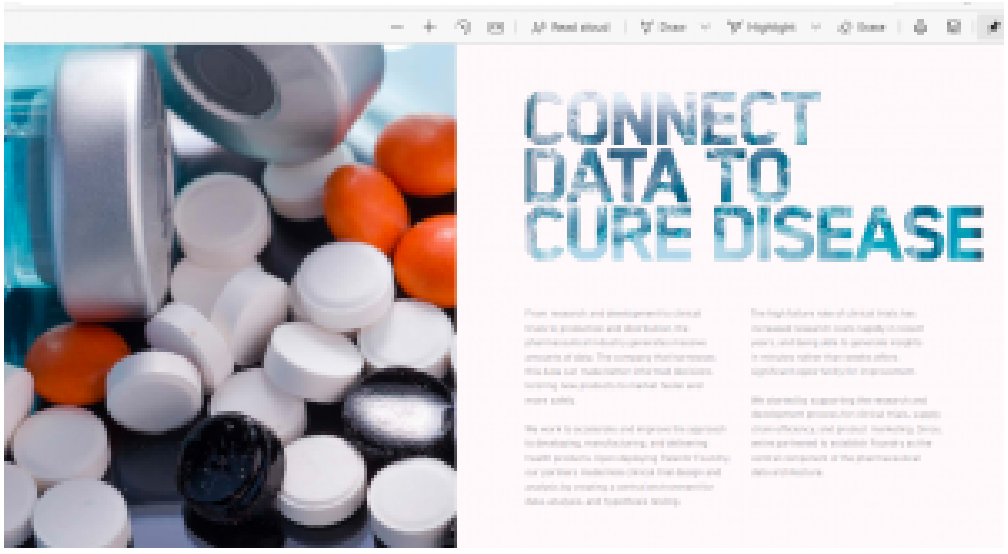
GOTHAM IN ACTION
POWERING RAPID RESPONSE AFTER HURRICANE FLORENCE
In September 2018, Hurricane Florence devastated North and South Carolina in the United States. The storm was responsible for thousands of displacements, over a million power outages, and an estimated $17 billion in damage. To help victims remove felled trees from their properties, muck out flooded houses, and tarp damaged roofs, ***military veteran volunteer corps Team Rubicon deployed 1,000 volunteers—and Palantir Gotham***.

Team ***Rubicon used Palantir Gotham’s Operations Module so the National Operations Center and Field Teams could collaborate on planning and executing six consecutive operations***. They combined publicly available flood data with weather information and social vulnerability census data to find the communities in greatest need. In the field, Team

> Rubicon Incident Command and volunteers used data to manage operations: from triaging incoming help requests, to dispatching assessment and work teams, and producing sharable daily metrics and reports. ***With Palantir Gotham, Team Rubicon used data to marshal resources faster***, to those most in need.

Palantir Gotham is presented as data collection with real world military application. They site floods and hurricanes as scenarios where this would be needed. And of course, David MacNaughton is head of the Canadian Branch of Palantir. This is an unusual situation to be in.

Palantir Foundry Program



> From ***research and development to clinical trials to production and distribution, the pharmaceutical industry generates massive amounts of data***. The company that harnesses this data can make better-informed decisions to ***bring new products to market faster and more safely***.

> We work to ***accelerate and improve the approach to developing, manufacturing, and delivering health products***. Upon deploying Palantir Foundry, our partners modernize clinical trial design and analysis by creating a central environment for data, analysis, and hypothesis testing.

> The high failure rate of clinical trials has increased research costs rapidly in recent years, and being able to ***generate insights in minutes rather than weeks offers significant opportunity*** for improvement.

> We started by supporting the ***research and development process for clinical trials, supply chain efficiency, and product marketing***. Since, we've partnered to establish Foundry as the central component of the pharmaceutical data architecture.

One of the states purposes of Palantir Foundry is in medical (or pharmaceutical research). The claim is that this technology will be able to advance it faster and safer than before.

Palantir Apollo Program

> Palantir Apollo is the continuous delivery software that powers our SaaS platforms, Foundry and Gotham, in the public cloud and beyond. Apollo works around the clock to put our latest features in the hands of customers. It eliminates the tradeoff between stability and speed by delivering continuous, automated updates without disrupting operations. It's why our platforms power mission-critical operations for the world's most important institutions.

Palantir Apollo is the software that powers its systems. So this is a peculiar triad of products: (a) data collection with military application; (b) software that can potentially be the new branch of medical research; and (c) a new delivery system to get the others out.

Rick Hillier, Team Rubicon Director

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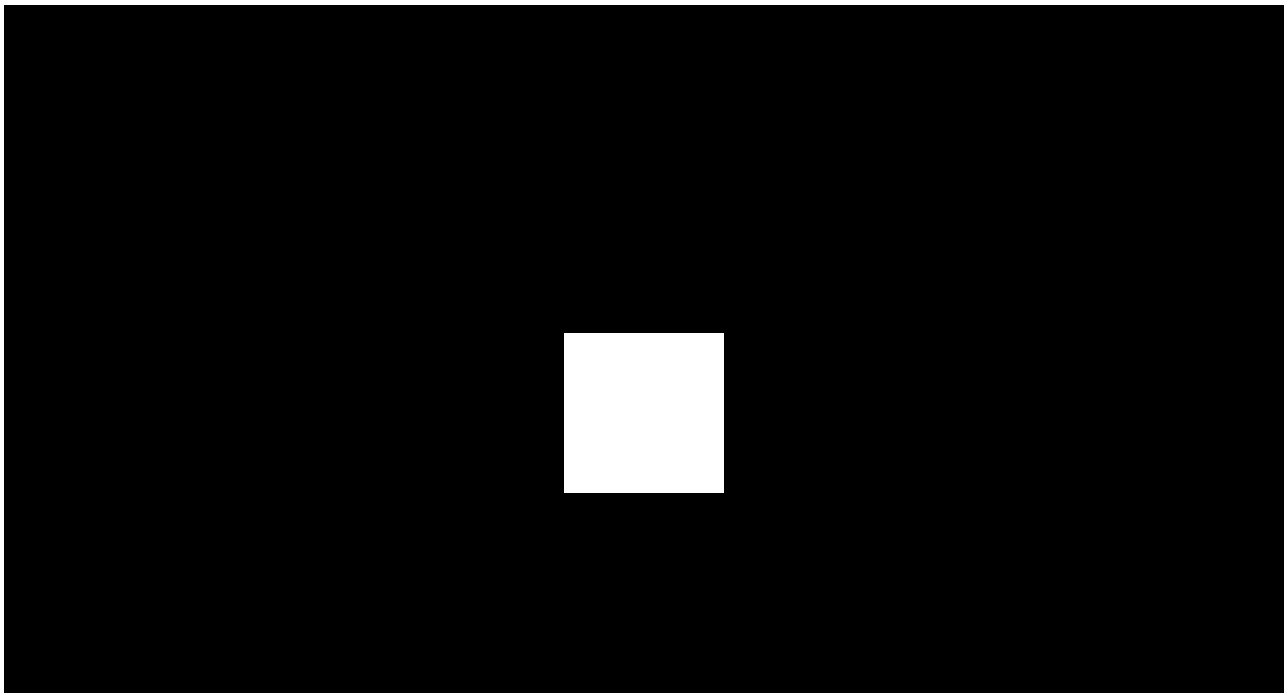

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Rick Hillier was announced to head the vaccine task force in Ontario. Aside from how unhinged Christine Elliott comes across as, obvious questions have to be asked. If this “virus” is so bad, then why would we need to encourage people to take a vaccine? Why the “military precision” needed, unless it was to get everyone all at once — and before side effects became known? Why push untested vaccines when there is already a 99% recovery rate anyway?

Rubicon Gets Funding From Clinton

Rubicon has also gotten substantial funding from the Clinton Foundation, (Clinton Global Initiative). The organization sells itself as a sort of disaster relief, just on a global scale. However, rushing to drug the entire planet is not anywhere near the same things as pulling survivors from a natural disaster.

Serious questions have to be asked about all of this. If it were really about getting vaccines out, then why is this global push needed? Why are the death rates exaggerated? Why use faulty PCR tests? Why gaslight and try to silence critics? What's really in these vaccines?

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